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WARRIORS FOR JESUS

Publishing The Full Gospel of Jesus And His Wonderful Doctrine.

The Tongues Always Follow Where The Full Gospel is Preached.

In his letters to Timothy, Paul used the soldier for a comparison in giving him instructions about working for the Lord and serving in the ministry. These instructions have never been withdrawn, so we conclude they are good for people in these last days.

The word "warrior" not only indicates opposition, but it means that there is a fight on hands. A warrior is a fighter. He may get wounded. He may get killed. He may gain the victory over the opposing force, but in either case he is a warrior and is expected to obey orders whether he is victorious or suffers defeat.

Paul's desire for Timothy was that he should "war a good warfare." He was not to fight and kill people, but he was to carry the gospel in the face of opposition, and tell the people about the Savior of men and the love of God. He did not want him to draw back and fail to do his duty. Although he would meet with opposition he must tell it and keep on telling it.

This principle was illustrated by Peter and John, two of Jesus' disciples, when they were forbidden to speak or teach in the name of Jesus Christ. "Peter and John answered and said unto them, whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:18-20.) This was as much as to say they were warriors and it would take more than threats or commands from them to make them stop.

These men were warriors, and Paul wanted Timothy to be like them in this respect. Thus he wrote his beloved friend, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2 Tim. 2:3.) Don't give it up. Be as persistent as Peter and John. Tell it regardless of opposition. Show yourself to be a good soldier—a good warrior. They commanded Peter and John to stop, but a little later they were called before the council and were interrogated thus: "Did not we straightly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." (Acts 5:28.) This shows that Peter and John obeyed the orders of Jesus and kept on telling it.

In reply to the question the brave warriors answered with apparent calmness and assurance and said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." And this they continued to do as long as they lived. They remained steadfast and persistent to the end. They were warriors for Jesus, and were not afraid of the fight. They rather seemed to rejoice in it.

But these men preached the gospel. They told of Jesus and His mission to earth. They told of His death on the cross and His resurrection. They told of His power and glory. They preached the doctrine in its fullness. The prisons did not stop them. The stripes and beatings were only incentives to push them on in the work. Paul wanted Timothy to be a warrior after the same order. "Endure hardness" said Paul. "Be a good soldier," was the com-

mand given. "Fight the good fight."

After Paul had given forth the instruction concerning the necessity of being a warrior he called special attention to the matter as if he wanted to make it doubly impressive. He said, "Consider what I say." Do not pass this by as if it were worthless. Give it your attention and consider it well. You will need it some day. There is a battle to fight. You must be ready for it, strong and brave. A true warrior ready for battle.

Writing to the Corinthians Paul explains that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." (2 Cor. 10:4.) Then while we are to be warriors for Jesus, it is not to engage in carnal warfare that Paul talks about, but a spiritual warfare. Preaching the gospel to every creature to the ends of the earth. Tell them of salvation. Tell them of heaven and the happiness there. Tell them the way of holiness, the only way to reach that holy place.

There is another phase of this question that Paul dwells upon. While he earnestly enjoined Timothy to be a warrior he also shows that to be a good soldier one must not be entangled with the affairs of this life. Using the illustration he said, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Tim. 2:4.) Judging from this expression we would understand that no one can be a good soldier of Jesus Christ if he is entangled with the things of the world. He does not please the Lord if he is trying to be a warrior for Jesus and at the same time entangled with the affairs of this world.

Now Timothy, "remember what I say," says Paul, "and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." Paul did not want Timothy to misunderstand him. He did not want Timothy to get a job and work and preach. He did not want him to owe debts and thus have them hold "his nose to the grindstone" to try to pay them, and try to work for the Lord as a preacher at the same time. Timothy was warned to be free in order to be a good warrior for Jesus. It should be the duty of Timothy to be a warrior for Jesus publishing the full gospel of Jesus and his wonderful doctrine.

It is not enough to read and talk about what Paul wanted Timothy to be in this respect, we want to give some attention to what God wants us to be in these last days of perilous times. Paul could not have wanted Timothy to be a good soldier for Jesus any more than the Lord wants us to be in our day. There was never any more need of it than now. The world is to be evangelized and it will take warriors to do it. It will take men and women who will close out their business and have only one thing to do.

Men are closing out their business now, saying farewell to friends and loved ones, and enlisting in the service of the governments of the world. Can we

afford to be entangled with the world when God wants us to go and preach, any more than soldiers can be entangled and go to the front to fight? If we are to be warriors for Jesus publishing the full gospel of Jesus and His wonderful doctrine, we surely have no time to engage in other pursuits of life. The one thing is enough. The importance of the Lord's work is beyond expression, therefore it must be attended to by those who have "given up all for Jesus," and are free from the entanglements of the world.

Paul does not mean that every member of the Church should quit work and enter the ministry exclusively, but only those who are chosen for this purpose. The others are to "work with their hands" and earn something for the support of others. But it is expected that all do something. All may not preach, but all must do something. Time is too short and the work too great for any to merely be "hangers on." All must be warriors for Jesus, in some way, and if there are any who will not help in this great battle they are not worthy the name of Christian.

The doctrine of Christ and His apostles must be preached and it is an evident fact that the tongues always follow where the full gospel is preached. If this is true then it will have to be acknowledged that where the other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance are not displayed the full gospel has not been preached. If the above statement is true, then there are many places where it has been claimed the gospel has been preached that the full gospel was not preached, because the tongues did not follow. An acknowledgement of this statement only adds more responsibility upon us who are preaching the full gospel. Jesus wants the full gospel preached—that which will be confirmed with signs following. This is evident, for when He gave out His last commission He told what would follow and one thing was the tongues.

In their day everywhere the apostles went the tongues followed. It is true now with the Church of God people. We do not hesitate to say that the tongues always follow where the full gospel is preached. We do not say that this will be the case under the first sermon in a new place, and probably it will take some little time, but in a reasonable length of time when the full doctrine has been explained, and given forth under the power of the Spirit, there can hardly be enough of Satan's power to prevent it.

It is possible for a full gospel preacher to fail to declare the whole counsel of God and thus fail to produce the fruits. But if it is all given out there will be gospel fruitage. I once preached at a certain place for a whole week and apparently nothing accomplished. It was on a Saturday night after I had preached repentance, sanctification, the Holy Ghost, the Church, water baptism, the Lord's supper, feet washing and I suppose everything else, I felt that I should mention the money question. I explained something of the necessity of giving for the support of the gospel, and that tithes and offerings were included in the gospel message and practice. I never got to finish that sermon that night. The power of God fell and to describe what followed would be impossible. Ever after that time I have been convinced that it

will not do to leave off the subject of tithes and offerings, because it takes that too to make a full gospel.

God honors His Word and He wants us to tell it all. If a part of it is left off it is not the full gospel. We may preach tithes and offerings but if we leave off healing it will not be full. May preach everything else besides feet washing it is not full. It is the gospel of the kingdom, which includes the whole of the teachings of Jesus, that must be preached in all the world for a witness. It will take real spiritual warriors to do this. Those who have prayed through to victory so they will know no defeat. They must be so sure they are right that they will "laugh at impossibilities and cry, It shall be done."

Spiritual giants are in demand now. Those who will not shrink from declaring the whole counsel of God. They will tell it because they love the Lord Jesus Christ who gave it. Preach it with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Preach it in its fullness with the love of God streaming from their hearts. Preach it through blinding tears. When every condition is met, and the full and complete gospel is preached, the tongues will follow in spite of all the opposition of Satan.

Paul said, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (2 Tim. 2:7-10.)

It takes the warrior-like spirit to effect the results that are wanted. This was what Paul wanted to imprint on the mind of young Timothy. This is what is needed now. It may bring suffering to preach the full gospel, but even if it does it has to be preached. When Jesus sent out the disciples He told them that they would have certain things with persecution. If we preach the full gospel we need not expect to escape persecution. But what will we care for the persecutions if we can only be successful in winning a few souls for Christ? Suffering will all be forgotten "when the saints come marching in." One look at Jesus will pay for all the hardness we have endured for His sake.

I do not know of any other people on earth that are preaching the full gospel. If we are to be depended upon for the spreading of this glorious gospel to the ends of the earth, then we need to gird up our loins a little tighter and feel the responsibility a little stronger, and prepare ourselves for the battle and go into it with more perseverance than ever.

We do not, for one moment, discount the work done by those who only preach part of the gospel, but the full gospel has to be preached and we must do this. Let people preach repentance and baptism or any part of it they can, it will be that much done; but whenever the gospel is given forth under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost in its fullness the tongues will follow. Where there is no speaking with other tongues there is no full gospel. And we must be warriors for Jesus publishing the

HOLD STEADY AND WORK

Salvation of The Lost is The Most Important Thing.

THE NEW BRANCHES BEAR THE FRUIT.

God is not pleased with shallow superficial work on any line. He loves thoroughness and when He is given the right of way in the heart, deep thorough work will be the result. Conviction for sin is the first work of God's Spirit upon the heart. All knowledge of sin and all consciousness of guilt and danger and all true sense of spiritual need are included in conviction; and whether present in the heart in greater or less degree, are from God and designed of God to lead the soul to true repentance.

The Holy Ghost is given to reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment; (John 16:8) and to every soul held accountable before God, sufficient light is given to point out a way of escape from the penalty for sin: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Titus 2:11,12.)

But it is the will of God that conviction should be not only real, but deep and pungent—that the soul should have a deep and awful sense of its danger and need together with strong movements of the Spirit to repentance, and the God-ordained means for bringing this about are the faithful teaching and preaching of the Word in the power of the Holy Ghost, the Christ-like example of the godly, and the direct moving of the Holy Ghost given, in greater measure, in answer to the prayers of God's people. Thus the measure of light and conviction given to hearts, at least generally speaking, depends very largely upon the faithfulness and devotion of the people of God. It is the duty of God's people and ministers to so faithfully declare the truth of God and so faithfully exemplify the grace of God, and to so earnestly intercede with God, that those with whom they are brought in contact shall be compelled not only to know, but to deeply feel the sinfulness and danger of rebellion against Him, having clear view of the teaching and requirements of the Word.

Where the Church of God is free from worldliness and sin, and conformed to all the will of God, the standard of what a Christian should be even in the minds of the unsaved, will be correspondingly high; and thus even the fully awakened soul will clearly see the evils of worldly conformity and worldly allegiance and to such there will be little need of especial exhortation regarding the evils of worldly amusements or worldly

full gospel of Jesus and His wonderful doctrine.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Tim. 4:15, 16.)

Go thou and do likewise and God will bless thy labors, for thy labors in the Lord shall not be in vain.

conformity in dress or of the card table, the dance, the theater and shows, and the secret lodge, and the evils of indulgence in tobacco or intoxicating drink, or of exhortation to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." Old time conviction, to say nothing of saving grace, would throw a flood of light upon the worldliness and dishonesty of even so-called good society that would sweep away the refuge of lies and leave thousands of professors of religion to see themselves still in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity.

Repentance is a godly sorrow for sin that will follow conviction in every heart when the will is yielded to God. It always includes the forsaking of every known sin and a pledge of the soul to henceforth walk in obedience to Him. How much this will be understood to involve, will depend very largely upon the degree of light which was shown on the heart in conviction; so that old-time repentance will depend upon old-time conviction.

Certainly no man can be said to have truly repented of his sin until he is willing to confess that sin to the one he has wronged and to make restitution as far as is in his power. John the Baptist preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, was declared to be "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth;" and his own explanation of his meaning is found in his words, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance," and "He that hath two coats let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

Zachaeus evidenced the depth and reality of his repentance when he said to Jesus, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." And to him Jesus answered, "This day is salvation come to this house."

And if he who has wronged his neighbor in dollars and cents cannot find peace with God until restitution is made, or promised, what shall be said of those—even though they are professors of the religion of Jesus Christ—who have wronged their neighbor or their brother or sister by talebearing or by backbiting or by unjust judgment and false accusation, or by careless and mistaken charges, and yet refuse to humble themselves and so far as possible right the awful wrong they may have done? Even Shakespeare said:

Who steals my purse, steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands; But he that filches from me my good name, Robs me of that, which not enriches him, And makes me poor indeed."

And it will be worth nothing for him who has thus wronged another to say, "O well, if he is all right anything I can say will

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Next Sunday, July 14, is Foreign Mission Sunday.

Two letters at this office awaiting forward notice. A. H. Bryans and Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

Many of our friends are working faithfully for the Evangel. We greatly appreciate their loving assistance.

Six more tracts added to our list. Watch for the names of them next week.

Order tracts and fans and help us spread the news. Tracts 25 cents per hundred. Fans 35 cents per doz. and \$2.25 per hundred.

The tract season is on all the time, but this is the special time to use the fans. Keep cool and read the gospel on the fan at the same time.

The monthly reports have come in more promptly this month than usual. I guess some are reading their Bibles where Paul teaches not to be slothful in business. This is much better.

We are truly sorry our Sunday school children have been so greatly disappointed in not getting their picture cards as usual. It is on account of trouble with the freight which rendered us helpless. We hope our little friends will bear with us. We will do our best to fill the orders for cards and cluster rolls in a few days.

Do not forget to pray and help us now while we are under this tremendous strain with high prices for paper and other supplies and the advance in postage rates. If we ever needed the help of our friends it is now. But we do not want donations so much, we want new subscribers and all the renewals we can get. Help us, beloved, please help us now. Help us to pull over this crisis. By the help of the Lord we are determined to go over. Get subscribers, that is what we mean.

Many are saying the Evangel is the best paper they ever read, and tell about their souls feasting as they read. It will not do to let the little whitewinged messenger go down for want of help to live, as long as it is doing so much good. I know you are going to help, so we will work faithfully on and God will enable you to help us meet the expenses by pushing the subscriptions.

Brother J. T. Clark, of Wier, Miss., was arrested and taken to prison several days ago on charges of violating some of the

laws, but he asserts his innocence, and calls for the prayers of the saints. He says God is with him and blessing his soul while he is behind the bars.

J. B. Ellis, overseer of Ala., is in prison on charges of violating the espionage act, and violating a parole. We have not heard the particulars yet, but we are giving the matter our attention.

Many revivals are reported in progress, and the truth is having its effect. People are getting saved from their sins, sanctified wholly, baptized with the Holy Ghost, their bodies healed, and are coming into the great Church of God.

Quite a number of our brothers are now in the army camps and we must hold them up in our prayers. Do not forget them because you do not see them. They feel the need of our sympathy and prayers.

It is gratifying to note the increased interest manifest among our people in Sunday school work. If we keep on increasing as we have during the last year we will soon have a mighty Sunday school army.

Do not fail to do something to help put the circulation of the Evangel over the ten thousand mark. We need your help, but remember you are working for the Lord when you help us in this.

Pray and work and work and pray for the salvation of souls, and the advancement of the great Church of God that Jesus loved so much that He gave His life for it that it might become spotless.

Do not stop working for the Lord because you see some one else slacking up a little. Now is the time to put forth more effort and push with more zeal and determination than ever. Work hard while it is yet day. Soon our time for labor will be over.

If any of the ministers do not receive their monthly report blanks soon it is because headquarters does not know their address. All who do not receive these forms by July 15 should send their names and addresses to headquarters. This matter should not be neglected. This includes all of the ministers that are not state overseers. There may be a little delay in reaching the ministers on the Islands, but if they do not get theirs by the 25 of July they should notify headquarters.

In these perilous times there is much need of a close fellowship between all members of the body of Christ. No time now for divisions and estrangements. Stick together and stand by the teaching as outlined by the Assembly. Churches and members should all be closely bound together. This will give strength and help in times of trial or temptation.

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for the way He has blessed at Stith-ton, Ky. We had no place to preach and the dear people provided us a nice place in a barn which seated three or four hundred people. Oh it seemed so sacred and the Lord's presence was so near. At times it seemed that He was standing in our midst.

The Lord worked wonderfully during the short time we were there. Eight souls were saved. One received the baptism and the saints were wonderfully blessed. A Catholic gentleman and his wife were wonderfully saved and say they can hardly wait to become members of the Church of God.

Yours in Christ,
 Ella Dever.

Request.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I wish you would pray for me, a poor sinner. I have led an awful life. I have been a gambler, a drunkard, hypnotizer, sleight-of-hand performer, a cigarette fiend and many other things that I could tell you. Pray that these fetters may be broken, that I may be a free man once more.

I was converted when a boy and had a great desire to preach. I did not heed the call so I soon backslid.

Dear people, I want to be a Christian. I am expecting to be called to the trenches and I don't want to die and face a just God in the condition I am in. So Christian friends, if you want to help to save a lost soul ask God in my behalf.

A word of advice or encouragement would be appreciated. You don't know what it means to a poor man hundreds of miles from his home when he sees his friends turn away from him and there's no one to speak a word of love or encouragement. God will bless you.

Humbly yours,
 Edd.
 Box 36 Pruden,
 Tenn.

WANTED—An organist, man or woman, to travel with us in Mississippi. Expenses in getting here will be met.—G. T. Cook and his sister, Mrs. Mennie Wheeler, Catchings, Miss.

Revival Meeting Notice.

An old-time Pentecostal revival near Sturgis, Miss., begins Aug. 10, and will continue as long as the Lord leads! George H. Hicks in charge. Music in charge of Orla N. Schafer. Special healing services. Come and be with us.

For further information address B. F. Merritt, Sturgis, Miss., R. 3. Bx 20.

Notice

The annual Church of God camp meeting at Preston, Md. will begin July 25. This camp will be in charge of Rev. John W. Pitcher and wife of Baltimore, Md.

This camp can be easily reached from Baltimore, Md. by the B. O. and A. Ry. from Pier 8 Light St., or from Wilmington, Del. or Philadelphia, Pa. by rail.

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For further information address J. W. Pitcher, 624 N. Ellwood Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Asleep in Jesus.

The death angel visited the home of Brother E. J. and Flora Hanks of Monarot, Va. on June 15, 1918 and claimed their little babe, Nathan Jasper. Funeral service was conducted by Percy King.

Hope will fade no more,
 But a beacon on that shore
 It will light for evermore.
 R. A. Hanks.

Gone to Live With Jesus.

Little Andrew, the seventeen-months-old baby of Brother and Sister W. T. Livingston passed away July 1, 1918. He was sick about four days, but now he lives with Jesus.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon them and may He comfort them in their sorrow.

A Friend.

WANTED—A good second hand 40 foot tent. Cash terms. Notify John DeLong, 225 A St., Huntsville, Ala.

Request.

Mrs. Joe Clark of Merryville, La., is afflicted in body and requests prayer for her healing.

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not hurt him. God will take care of his influence." Did not Jesus say, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

Surely when the Holy Ghost is honored, the seeker after God will not only hear the divine call, but will be enabled to understand it and to know what God requires. "Today if ye will hear his voice harden not your heart, that is, give God your undivided attention; hearken diligently to all He says in His Word, by His providence, and by His Spirit, for if thine eye be single thy whole body shall soon be full of light (Matt. 6:22,) and you will soon know that godly sorrow which "worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." (2 Cor. 7:10.)

Godly sorrow for sin will destroy all love of, or desire for anything that is unholy, and create an utter hatred for everything that is impure or unclean. The penitent sinner has been deeply awakened to realize his lost condition will mourn over his wicked thoughts and deeds until his heart will bleed at every pore and break with grief. "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." (Ps. 34:18.) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17.)

The broken hearted man has lost all of his relish for and hope in the world. His former hopes and ambitions are broken up and destroyed. The fallow ground of his heart is broken up and he realizes that he has "plowed wickedness" and "reaped iniquity" and "eaten the fruit of lies, and trusted in his own way," but now he begins to obey the command: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you." (Hosea 10:12.) Fallow ground is ground left untilled or but slightly plowed. It is the will of God by the Holy Ghost to break up the great deep of the heart and flow through and unearth everything that is unlike God; and this He will do if it is also the will of him that seeks His favor. And upon the depth and thoroughness of this preparatory work future results must largely depend. He who would receive the rain of righteousness must prepare the way of the Lord by forsaking every known sin and, so far as possible, making right every wrong that he has committed against God or man.

The good ground to which reference is made in the parable of the sower was ground that had been thoroughly broken up and made free from stones and thorns, leaving the earth ready for the seed and for the rain, with nothing left to hinder growth and fruitbearing.

Just so the Holy Ghost prepares the heart of the true penitent and helps him to forsake every idol and every sinful practice and desire, and every unholy passion, and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and when he thus seeks God with his whole heart, He will be found of him. (Jer. 29:13.)

Hold steady and work in these perilous days, for truly the salvation of the lost is the most important thing after all. We may learn many things, and it is necessary for us to keep ourselves informed, but we must never neglect our duty and forget that God is looking to us for

the salvation of the lost. And it should be remembered that it is the new branches that bear the fruit. Then it is necessary to keep ourselves new and fresh by prayer and deep humility, drawing sap and nourishment from Jesus the vine, so we can be lively fruitbearers.

It is always expected that the penitent sinner is ready to walk in the light and follow the instructions of his guide, and a true guide will never stop until he has taught sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost, evidenced by the other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. This is truly the old time apostolic religion. They preached a full gospel and their hearers got the experience, so we must be faithful in our sphere today and hold steady and work for the salvation of souls.

God is truly with us and will help us as we continue faithful to Him. And this we must do. Many eyes are turned upon us, and we must plow deep and sow good seed and reap a good harvest.

Cliffview, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints of God—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I have just returned home from Marion, Va. where I preached ten sermons. Old-time conviction seized on many precious souls who came to the altar and wept their way through to Calvary and were gloriously saved, sanctified and some were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Oh, praise God for the wonderful love He had for us!

Friends, let us wake up and warn the lost of the awful wrath of God which will soon be poured out upon them. I can feel the "go ye" in my soul. Wake up, Jonahs, Jesus is coming soon! Let us herald the message and see souls brought to Christ. Listen, messengers, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3. Will that not be wonderful? Glory! Let us do our best during the little time we have remaining.

I ask every saint to pray a special prayer for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet and win many souls for Him.

Yours in the Master's service,
 Arthur Fortner.

Request.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints of God:

Fearing that somebody overlooked my first request in the Evangel, I want to make a second.

I've been in the hospital over a month, but I realize that God's promises are to the faithful. I want all who read this to pray for me that I may overcome the many temptations connected with army life, also that I may be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Waiter A. Gann.
 Ft. Logan H. Roots, Ark.

Notice.

A meeting at Empire, Ala. beginning July 13, will continue ten days or longer. Also a meeting at Buhl, Ala. beginning July 27 will continue ten days or longer.

Brother W. F. Bryant of Cleveland, Tenn., also Brother Luther Richard will be with us. The pastor will be present.

Z. D. Simpson, pastor,
 Ethelsville, Ala.

Revival Meeting Notice.

Revival services will begin at Bankhead, Ala. July 25, 1918. Brother Robinson and Brother Luther Richard will have charge of the services. Everybody is invited.

For further information address V. L. Smith, Mentone, Ala.

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Walbridge, Ohio.

To The Evangel:

The tent meeting at Walbridge, Ohio closed June 18 after having continued eighteen days. The Lord was surely with us and blessed us. Some were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

This was the first time the doctrine of the Church of God had been preached in this place except a few meetings held by Brother and Sister Haynes a year ago in a sister's home, where one received the Holy Ghost. She stood steadfast being the only one in this town until four months ago others began to walk in the light.

The Lord was with us in mighty power in our morning prayer meetings which we had every morning except June 2. That day we took our basket lunch and went to the Toledo beach where some followed the Lord in water baptism. Truly the Word of the Lord is being fulfilled where Peter said, "Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above."

When one sister came out of the water she saw Jesus in the clouds looking down on us smiling. Immediately after dinner we had our prayer meeting. There the Lord met us again. Visions were seen. One sister was carried in the Spirit to places in two different states. She had never seen them but people were present who had been there and they said she described them better than they could. In both places she saw the need of the gospel. Messages were given followed by interpretations. That day was a day of feasting with the Lord and will long be remembered by all that were present.

Brother John W. Pitcher of Baltimore, Md., preached some wonderful sermons. He was assisted by Brother W. H. Martin of Lake, Ind., and Brother and Sister Haynes of Chillicothe, Ohio. The church was set in order with ten members.

We have so much opposition here we need the prayers of all the saints everywhere for we want to press on and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Your sister in Christ,
 Ida Bork.

Lenior City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! I am ten years old, have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost nearly two years. I am going on in this precious way.

I believe the Lord is coming soon and He is going to take all of His people with Him to walk on the golden streets.

I want all the saints to pray for my father and brother that they may be saved and live for Jesus so that when He comes they, too, will be ready to meet Him.

Please pray for me.
 Your little sister,
 Geneva Wells.

Where is Christ Now? And What is Our Relationship to Him?

SAM C. PERRY.

The question of our relation to Jesus Christ is the most vital to Christianity; all depends upon our attitude to Him. If we comprehend Him, we have everything, and through Him may know everything necessary to our full redemption.

Doctrines, works, regulations, discipline all have their place, but He, our Redeemer, Head and all, must be understood, known, and obeyed. In losing sight of Him all the beauty and power of our doctrines, and experiences fade away.

The tendency of the age is to formality, a religion of outward display and profession with no personal, living, powerful Christ in it, a religion that rests on natural cause and effect with the supernatural, divine left out. Such a religion has no lively head, no life, no power, but is earthly human and worthless.

The religion of the Bible is based on the supernatural birth, miraculous life, sacrificial death and powerful resurrection and ascension to heaven of Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son.

But this is not all, Jesus is the living, abiding Head of the Church, and sustains a continuous relation to His people. "Without me ye can do nothing." This is always true. God's children do not graduate beyond this. They are ever dependent upon Him. It may be so through the countless ages of eternity.

As the church, we are branches of Jesus, the true vine; all we have comes from Him. Nothing good is original with us, it is all second hand so far as we are concerned, it comes from Him.

Our faith comes from Jesus; that which enables us to overcome, live for God, stand against sin and the world, and do the works of the gospel, is produced in us by Jesus, the crucified Savior. All the love, patience, longsuffering, meekness, goodness and every trait of the Christian character also is His work in us, and results from our living in touch with Him.

Jesus is the source or fountain head of every good impulse, thought, word, or deed that flows through our lives, and no matter how good or how thoroughly consecrated we may be, these things cannot exist in us except as they are produced there by the personal abiding Christ.

This is the reason we are to be so careful to live in touch with Him, pleasing Him and doing always the things that He requires, that He may keep us filled with goodness, righteousness and truth, for if we do not live in such a manner that He may bestow these things upon us, there is no other power in the universe that can. The early church preached "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" as the only hope of this lost race, and His church of today preaches the same. "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12.)

The unsaved seek God through Jesus the Savior. The saved ones have access to God through Him. All our petitions to the Father, whether for spiritual, temporal or physical needs, must be in the name of Jesus, if we would have them granted. All of our worship, works and righteousness must be in His name, for apart from Him we are nothing, and all that we may profess will amount to nothing.

To His church Jesus is all and in all. Without Him she soon goes to wreck and ruin. "Without Him she ceases to be His, for she has no Savior, no keeper but Himself. So if she is to be His He must keep her. So He does and none can pluck her from His hand."

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the

world," and in a real spiritual sense He is with His people as their Head and life, not only in one locality, but in every place. He is among them, blessing, refreshing and sustaining and comforting, and carrying forward His work, but in a literal sense His glorified body "was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19.)

We must not imagine for a moment that Jesus is less active for His church because He sits at the right hand of God the Father indeed He is in a more substantial blessed way to carry His work forward than when walking on earth with His disciples.

We must remember that the affairs of His church are very closely related to the throne of God in heaven, and that no perfect unfolding and development of its beauty and glory can be administered from any other source.

The apostle Paul declares that Jesus is at the right hand of God making intercession for us. (Rom. 8:34.) How much more effectual for Him to stand for His church right in the presence of God, than to administer any service on earth. How much better can He attend to the affairs of His people by representing them to the Father than for them to have nothing to depend upon but the earthly forms and ordinances of service.

We read in Hebrews 9:24, "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands (the earthly tabernacle) which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

How many times men have won by having the right kind of representative, help or counsel. Jesus becomes our representative. He has the care of all the difficulties and mysteries connected with the work and affairs of His church, and we need not worry about them, but only give them all over to Him, and depend upon Him as our advocate with the Father. We can depend upon Him. He is fully able. We are told that "angels and authorities and powers" are made subject unto Him. (1 Peter 3:22.) Then He is occupied in great things in the universe of God.

Then as our Redeemer, and High Priest there is none like Him, so able, and dependent upon whom we may cast our every care. What is humanity in comparison to such a High Priest? Man at best is but grass, but Jesus our Head understands all our weaknesses and needs and is able to supply them too.

Now we are told that He is to appear again, and then He will set up the kingdom and we shall sustain a closer more blessed relation to Him than now.

Much is said of the preparation necessary to be ready when that time comes. We are taught to labor, watch and pray, and to be in such spiritual condition that we will not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Bethlehem, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and the Evangel Family:

Five years ago I lost my oldest child. She died in my arms. My wife said, "That is a call for both of us." I did not think so at the time, but she got saved.

Later, my wife asked me if it would be all right for her to go to Taylor's Woods with Brother and Sister Bowdle. Brother and Sister Pitcher were holding a revival there. My wife went and got sanctified. She went back to the meeting two or three times and the last time she came home saying, "I have received my baptism." "Received what?"

I inquired. This was something new to me. I found out there was something to what she told me for I could not make her mad.

One day I was cutting wood among grape vines and green briars and was swearing. The Spirit spoke to me but still I kept swearing. He spoke the second time and I knew it came from above.

Brother and Sister Pitcher were holding a meeting at Smithens. One morning I was at Brother Bowdle's and they got me down by the couch praying and all I could see was snuff, tobacco, cards and whiskey. I got up and went home. When I got there my wife said, "Come on and pray." She began speaking in other tongues. She was the first person that I had ever heard speak in tongues.

When I got up off of my knees I went and burned my cards. I decided to let my whiskey go, too. Then I took up my Bible and began to read. Some snuff fell on the Word of God and the Spirit said, "I would be ashamed to defile God's Word like that." I said, "I never will take snuff or tobacco again." Thank God! the burden of my sins rolled away and I still have the victory. I feel the love of Jesus flooding my soul today.

Two weeks after my conversion I was sanctified and the following July at the campmeeting I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I have not taken a drop of medicine since I was saved. I had a corn between my toes; I took my knife to cut it out and the Spirit spoke to me, saying, "O ye of little faith." I said, "Lord I will trust you," and He healed me. I suffered with one disease fifteen years and the Lord healed me of that. I nearly lost the sight of one of my eyes. I could not tell one child from another around the table and the Lord gave me my sight. I had catarrh of the head and He healed me of that. Praise His holy name!

I was praying one day and asking the Lord to draw me nearer to Him. The Spirit said, "Thou lackest one thing; pay your tithes." After the Lord told me that, I got behind in tithing thirty-three dollars. We had a good cook stove. All at once the stove began to smoke. It smoked until we couldn't stay in the house. I cleaned it out and cleaned the flue out but still it smoked us out of the house. I built a fire one morning and it ran me out of the house. I went back to the door to look and the Spirit said, "If you had paid your tithes this would not have happened." I never could do any more with that stove. I went and bought another one which cost thirty-three dollars.

I want to tell you how the Lord helped me to pay up my tenth. One brother said to me: "I feel impressed to give you some money." He gave me ten dollars. A sister gave me five dollars. I knelt and asked God what to do with it. The Spirit said, "Pay your tithes." Praise God! I keep my tithes paid.

I praise God for every trial and test that I have to go through. They draw me closer to Him. Pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
Harry Walker.

Charleston, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer. I have victory in my soul. I could not say this till Brother McLain came to Union Grove and showed me where I was going. I was a miserable backslider. I want to warn others of their fate if they don't repent.

I had been sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost more than twelve years ago. The Lord put his hand upon me and said, "Go preach." I said, "Yes, Lord," and I went, and oh, how the Lord did bless. People would fall into the altar and cry and pray. I went everywhere just letting the Holy Ghost speak and many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God! I feel like shouting just now. Praise Him!

Brethren, I can't sell groceries and preach. Oh, may the dear Lord help me to never make another mistake.

God bless Brother McLain! He certainly did obey the Bible. He just left the ninety and nine and went and found me all in sin. I shall never forget how he put his hands on me and cried and prayed. I said, "Yes, I will go back." Praise the Lord!

I shall be glad to get a letter from all the dear saints that I ever knew. Pray for me.

W. M. Tallent.

Coalfield, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a four-week's revival here with the victory over sin and the devil. About a year ago we were shut out of the church here. Since that time Brother Aiken has just had to preach in the homes, in the open air or wherever he could find a place.

But during the revival there was much good accomplished. The seed has indeed been sown. Five were saved, two were sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost and six followed the Lord in water baptism. The whole community has been won, that is they are convinced and acknowledge that this is the right way. Thank God for victory!

The Lord has gotten hold of the superintendent of the coal company here and he had the church opened for Brother Aiken and other Church of God preachers. So pray for our little church here that God may bless and continue to give victory.

Brother and Sister Aiken in charge.

Report.

Dear Evangel:

Praise God for victory! Two were saved last night. Last week two received the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues. One got the double cure, was baptized with the Holy Ghost and healed of a long standing disease at the same time. Two were baptized in water yesterday. Several are at the altar seeking God.

God's power falls as we hold up the full gospel. The saints shout, dance, sing and talk in other tongues. Praise God! The Lord gives us some fine messages by interpretation.

In His name,
George H. Hicks.

Home Mission Receipts.

G. F. Danehower, Hampton Rhodes, Va.,	\$20 00
Church, Cohutta Springs, Ga.,	1 50
" Crane Eater, Ga.,	3 23
" Abbeville, Ga.,	1 75
" Erastus, N. C.,	2 25
" Akron, Ohio,	1 25
W. A. Brawner, Maitland, Fla.,	2 00
Louise Cunningham, Cassella, Miss.,	0 50
Church, Fosters Chapel, Ala.,	1 02
" Liverwort, Tenn.,	3 11
" Walling, Tenn.,	0 75
Tom Aiken, Harriman, Tenn.,	3 20
Church, Johnston City, Ill.,	0 36
" Sale Creek, Tenn.,	1 01
" Harriman, Tenn.,	5 00
" Parkersburg, W. Va.,	1 00
Nellie Jones, Sunburst, N. C.,	2 00
Church, Carmi, Ill.,	0 80
Lina H. Roark, Hail, Ky.,	0 50
Church, Raton, New Mex.,	2 69

Hartsfield, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to say just a few words in praise to our blessed Redeemer. I am so thankful for this narrow way that leads from earth to heaven.

Praise the name of Jesus for the precious blood that cleanses me from every sin! Now I can tell to the world that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I was saved and sanctified four years ago last spring and the way grows brighter every day. I don't feel one bit tired of this way though it is persecuted on every hand.

There are not any believers in the Church of God here except my family; there are other sheep, however, who need to be brought into the fold. Truly the harvest is white and the laborers are few. If there is anyone near who could come and conduct a meeting, I believe the Lord would do wonders. We will entertain the workers while here.

I believe in the Church of God, my husband does, also, and we would be glad to be members.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus and do the work that He would have me to do. Praise His holy name!

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Alice Johnson,
Hartsfield, Ga.

Bee Branch, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

I am still praising God for victory through the blood.

I want to ask the prayers of all of God's children for the healing of my body. I have been sick a long time.

I want to ask Sister Mary Feglen to write me a personal letter. I shall be glad to receive letters from all who know me. I have not had a letter from any of the saints since I have been in the state of Arkansas. I have not had the pleasure of attending a Holiness meeting since December. Pray for me, for I need your prayers.

Your sister,
Mrs. Wesley Collins,
R. 3, Bee Branch,
Ark.

Mentone, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I have started out in evangelistic work for the glory of God. I feel that if I had a folding organ it would be a great help to me. I can play the instrument myself. I desire that the saints pray that this need may be supplied. I will appreciate your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
E. L. Pain.

Oil City, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

As I write I have before me a copy of the most highly prized paper on earth, viz., the Evangel. I have just received it from my wife who sends it to me every week. It is food for my soul. It helps me to stand true to my Savior. As I do not hear any of our ministers preach I just drink in the contents of the white winged messenger.

I am thinking about that beautiful verse of song, "Till all the ransomed church of God be safe to sin no more." Some people will sing that song and never stop to think what they are singing.

The signs of the Master's coming are appearing. People say we are crazy but we are following on to see the Word fulfilled. Praise the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
Walter Dunaway.

Whitwell Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord this morning for the blessed Holy Ghost, who abides within. I know without a doubt that I have been saved from my sins, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I spoke in other tongues. Bless His holy name!

I praise the Lord for the little church that He has given us in Whitwell, Tenn. Brother Slater Hickman set the church in order with fifteen members about one year ago.

We praise the Lord for giving Brother Hickman to us as pastor this year. He preaches the Word in its fullness and that is what we want, sound doctrine. He is appreciated by saint and sinner. I have never heard a sinner say ought against him. We need ministers who can gain the lost ones. Jesus said He didn't come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

Pray for us that the Lord will have His way with us.

Yours in Christ,
Ottie Shoemaker.

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Louise Cunningham, Cassella, Miss.,	\$0 50
Church, Walling, Tenn.,	1 65
" Richland Creek, Miss.,	0 51
" Cliffview, Va.,	0 70
" Raton, New Mex.,	2 69

Convenient Conversation.

Let us as children of God speak only such words as are edifying, sound speech that cannot be condemned! See Titus 2:8.

My heart is often grieved when I see God's children indulging in foolish talking and jesting. Brother, sister, we as the Church of God stand for the cleanest, purest, and best. Listen! First Thes. 5:8 says, "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvation."

In David's time they had armors to wear to meet the enemy. A breastplate to prevent the arrows and spears of the enemy from penetrating the heart, and a covering on their head called a helmet. Now God wants His children protected against the darts of the devil today. So, Paul tells us to have our hearts protected by faith and love. In one place he tells us to take the shield of faith. (Those ancient warriors carried a large metal shield in front of them) wherewith we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. He wants us to have our minds protected by a helmet of the hope of salvation which means preservation from eternal misery, or final deliverance.

When the enemy rages have faith and love. "And though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, (love) I am nothing." 1 Cor. 13:2.

Let us keep these things before us continually so that the world cannot condemn our speech. It is far better to be in company with folks and keep silent and pray than to gossip and talk foolishness even though folks don't seek our company because we are so silent and uninteresting. It's better for you, it's better for the cause of Christ to be silent than to talk foolishness. Listen what Jesus said in Mathew 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

This means women too. Many women make a practice of gathering together in the afternoon and engaging in worldly conversation.

The true saints of God need to wake up. We are of the day so let us be sober as we go along, making melody in our hearts.—Contributed.

A Word of Greeting From Barbados.

To the Saints of The Church of God Everywhere, Beloved According to the Foreknowledge of God the Father in Sanctification of the Spirit Unto Obedience and Sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ—Grace to You and Peace be Multiplied: We are indeed thankful to God who hath called us out of darkness into the liberty and light of His glorious kingdom, who has saved, sanctified and baptized many of us with the Holy Ghost and fire as in Acts 2: 4 and today we are partakers with you of the like precious faith.

We want to report to you, dear saints, that God has a few in Barbados who are with you at heart, contending for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Although we are strangers one to the other in person, yet known to God are all His works and the time is coming when we shall know as we are known. Glory to God!

Pray for Barbados. We are asking God to give us a stirring revival throughout the land. Pentecostal saints have a hard fight with the conflicting creeds such as would seek to turn many from the faith, speaking ill of us especially when believers are being anointed or baptized with the Holy Ghost. Nevertheless we are after God's best and are striving to enter in at the straight gate, seeing that we have not already obtained nor are made perfect we mean to press on if so be that we may apprehend that for which we were apprehended by Christ Jesus.

May God hasten the day when great grace may rest on the saints so that fear may come on every soul and that many wonders and signs may be wrought by His servants, that the mouths of the gainsayers may be stopped and the stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart who do now resist the Holy Ghost will be brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

Brethren, may God melt our hearts into oneness that we may be kept in fellowship with the blessed Three in One and with each other so that the mighty current of God's divine power from the great power house in glory may flow in and about us making us very courageous and successful in the fight for our great King, for the promise is, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in His throne."

Yours in the faith,
J. T. Hurley.

Clanton, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I must do something to help get the truth to the people. I have been, and am yet, handing out the Evangel and sending it far and wide. It carries with it a message that every one needs.

Oh, how my heart longs to do everything possible to get this truth to everyone that God requires at my hand. So I am ordering a few tracts to hand out.

We haven't any Church of God here but oh, how my heart is yearning for God to send the blessed church this way as it is truly the one Bible church described in Eph. 5 and Acts 2.

Please pray that God will move out all prejudice from us so the church will be set in order. The nearest church is about thirty miles away but we hope to have one here this season. We have plenty of Pentecostal people here, but as you know, all Pentecostal people do not believe in the Church of God. So I am trying to get all the real proof of the church that I can in a fair way.

May God bless you in your great work.

Your brother in Christ,
L. A. Brown,
R. No. 6 Clanton, Ala.

Camp Gordan, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation. I certainly am glad that I am a child of the King.

I am drafted into the army. I certainly do need the help of the Lord. I want to be able to stand regardless of the cost. I know the Lord is able to carry us through and will if we will stand true.

I want to ask all the dear saints of God who read this to pray for me that I may be delivered. I want the Lord to have His way. I believe He will provide some way for the ones who are trusting Him, that we will not be compelled to take arms.

It is my heart's desire to please God. While this is an awful hard place, still if we trust in the Lord He will carry us through.

I desire the saints to pray that I shall be true to the end and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Your brother,
Herman Payne.

STRIVE TO ENTER IN

PERRY W. HADSOCK

In St. Luke 13:24 we find these words: "Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." These are Jesus' own words and are applicable to all, saint and sinner.

Strive—to make effort; labor hard; struggle; contend. Jesus having made the plan whereby all who will may enter in, makes known clearly here that one does not merely fall in, nor does one get in by leisurely seeking to enter, for many, He said, will seek to enter and shall not be able.

There are millions today who expect at some future time to get ready to go in. They do not realize that this getting ready requires much effort upon their part. They live moral lives, do not steal, (directly) do not kill. They go to church on Sunday and go through a form of worship, go back to their daily vocations, some to do only worse, making their condition only the more critical. They claim to be getting ready but are only leaving the true way. Not many of them have ever made the first step toward preparation. Many are thus being led about ignorantly, but many do so with a conscience seared as with a hot iron.

Then there is the sinner who does not claim to know anything about Jesus and His power to save. He expects, sometime, to get ready to enter in. Indeed, it is right, sinner friend, that you should have this expectation, but you should get more desperately in earnest than that. You should go to work at the task of getting ready now. Labor hard to accomplish that which will tell in eternity. Today is the day of salvation; opportunities are passing; it may be only a short time till you will not have the privileges that you have now.

It is no time now to look at the failures and blunders of others but to be striving for the goal. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God is not slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Formal worshippers, it is time you should search your ways and turn to the Lord. Strive to enter in! How heavy this rests on the writer's heart. As the dark clouds of persecution gradually settle down on this earth we realize more forcibly than ever what was meant by our Savior when He said, "Strive to enter in at the straight gate." Only a short time, then

all who have labored, struggled up the narrow way will hear the glad plaudit—"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Those who carelessly passed the time away and many that sought to enter will hear the words of an angry God, "Depart into everlasting punishment." Sad the picture, but true nevertheless.

May each reader resolve to make greater efforts to be ready. May a brighter hope of the beyond loom up before you. Eternity is just there; soon its realities will be ours. Strive to enter in.

Lyra, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for victory through the blood of Jesus.

We have just closed a meeting here at Lyra and God surely did bless us and give us a good time. Brother Brouayer was with us a week and we appreciated his presence. God used him. We didn't want him to leave so soon, there were so many under conviction, but he had to go.

The meeting continued a week after Brother Brouayer went away. The power fell. The presence of the Lord was manifested in our midst in speaking in other tongues, shouting and dancing. Thank God! Five were saved and four sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. There are some hungry souls here yet that are in the valley of decision.

May God help us to press forward as never before for our Lord is soon coming and we want to have on the whole armor of God, oil in our vessels and a robe of righteousness that we may be prepared to meet Him. Pray for us that we may be soul winners.

Your brother in Christ,
M. E. Drake.

At Rest.

Carrie Elizabeth Nickamp, clerk of the church at Carmi, Ill., departed this life June 18, 1918. She lived only two hours after taking sick. She was filled with the Spirit all the time and seemed to be getting closer to the Lord. She gave a wonderful testimony and warned people to prepare to meet Him. Just before passing away she was heard to say, "It is God's will."

To mourn her loss, Sister Nickamp leaves a husband and two children. As a town we miss her, as a sister we miss her, and as a church we miss her, but our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the new tabernacle at Carmi and the remains laid away in the cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

D. P. Barnett.

Foreign Missions.

Sunday July 14, is Foreign mission Sunday again. It is expected that every church contribute something for the Foreign Mission work on that day. The records show that some of the churches are not taking any active part in this great and important work. I hope this time that every minister will try to stir up his churches on this subject and let us try to increase the amount and thus court the favor of God, and also provide for the support of more foreign mission work.

Some of the churches are doing well, and the Lord is blessing them in many ways. We want all to do well and better, and every one to take a part as this in an order by the Assembly.

Foxe's Book of Martyrs

The title describes the contents of the book.

This book contains information that, if read, will no doubt be a blessing to our people at this time. Single copy, post paid \$1.35. Order of EVANGEL OFFICE

Resaca, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints of God—Greetings to You All in Jesus' Name:

I am happy to say I am praising God for His wonderful salvation that came to me. For many years I drifted in sin.

When about sixteen years of age, God forgave my sins. I joined the Baptist church but soon drifted back in sin and continued until I was fifty-two years old.

While living near Brother L. B. Mosteller and family near here and hearing their prayers, songs and praises to God each night and morning for more than a year, seeing their lives and watching their ways (for surely their steps are ordered by the Lord) I began to pray, to seek salvation for myself.

Wife and I would sit on our porch at night and listen to Brother Mosteller's prayers until I became so interested I couldn't be content. I would go out on the hills and pray with all my might until God wonderfully saved me from my sins. Experiencing such a calm sweet peace by being saved I sought cleansing and was sanctified and on Sunday night, June 23, 1918, I was received into the Church of God. On Wednesday night following, at prayer meeting in Brother Mosteller's home, I received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

So, I am a happy man, rejoicing on my way to heaven, praising God and having fellowship with the saints, which is the delight of my soul. I ask all to pray for my wife that she, too, may receive the experience.

Surely God is giving us some wonderfully good meetings here and at Calhoun. A number of us went to Calhoun to meeting last night and such a wonderful meeting we had. Surely the power of the Lord was manifested. One received the Holy Ghost as we went and one after we got there. The Lord gave some sweet messages warning His people to get closer to Him in the trying times that are coming on.

Some of us are to be baptized in water the second Sunday and I am anxious for the service for I want to go all the way with my Savior.

We ask you to pray for us and the work here that many more souls may be saved.

Your brother in Christ,
L. B. Seabolt.

Tupelo, Ark.

To All The Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for victory over sin. The Word has never been preached at this place, but praise God, we can do our part in letting our light shine. We can scatter tracts and through them, some may receive the wonderful message.

We intend to start a prayer meeting as soon as we can get a house. I want all the saints to pray for us that we may gain the victory at this place.

Your unworthy sister,
Mary Mansfield.

Camp Gordan, Ga.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am still saved and have the victory in my soul. Please pray for me. I know the Lord can take me through.

I shall be glad to receive letters from all of God's children. This would be a help to me.

Yours in His name,
Walter H. Harmon,
26th Co, 7th T.R. En.
157 Depot Brigade,
Camp Gordan, Ga.

Request.

Minerva Caffee of Blocton, Ga. requests prayer that she may be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and ready to meet Jesus.

Wauchula, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in the Lord:

I have been here about seven months and I find many good people in Florida.

Well, praise the Lord! I have started through and I am learning a lesson of obedience by so many trials. Lord, help me to be able to stand! I desire the prayers of all the saints.

I leave July 11, for Oklahoma to hold meetings. I shall be glad to have a letter from the overseer of that state. I am praying God to assist us in preaching His blessed Word. I want to be able to do more for Him.

I am looking forward to the great assembly where we can all meet and feast together on the good things of God. Hallelujah!

My address hereafter will be, Lawton, Okla. In care of Mrs. Bob Pippin.

Christian love to all the saints,
Mrs. Mary Trozlen.

Hickory Point, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God for a "know so" salvation. Praise His dear name! He has wonderfully saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I believe in the signs following according to St. Mark 16:17, 18. I know my name is written in heaven, in the Lamb's book of life. Praise His name!

I realize something of the Scripture written by Isaiah: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth."

I praise God for the good sermons I heard at the Fox Bluff tent meeting by Brother Burk. I desire the prayers of all the saints.

Your sister in Christ,
Nelia Harter.

Request.

Mrs. E. W. Anderson of Fork Ridge, Tenn. is suffering from a general breakdown in health and desires prayer for her healing.

Request.

Mrs. Delpha of Atlanta, Ga., is afflicted in body and desires prayer that she may be healed. She is trusting in the Lord.

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